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May 16, 2002

D. Wayne Hedburg
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Update on waste rock pile reclamation; Escalante Silver Mine, UDOGM file no.
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Dear Mr. Hedburg:

We have elected to reclaim the waste rock pile in two phases, since our contractor has another project in the area. The pile will be rough graded to the required slopes before the end of June 2002. Topsoiling and re-seeding will be done in the fall to take advantage of any winter precipitation.

The contractor will provide us with an "as-built" of the rough grading. We will forward you a copy for your files if you want one.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 769-4135 or e-mail: cgypton@hecla-mining.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Gypton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Gypton
Project Manager